

Personal/Optional Clothing and Equipment



Beret



Maternity Cardigan Sweater



White Cardigan Sweater

Women's/Men's Class A/B
Service Uniform

Overcoat (Men and Women)

Women's/Men's Dress Mess Uniform

Mission

Provide a variety of standard issue and new clothing, insignia, and personal equipment to enhance fit, comfort, alterability, and appearance.

Description and Specifications

Gold-Plated Anodized Insignia replaces the clothing bag yellow brass insignia. The **Beret** is the standard issue headgear, and the garrison cap worn with the Class A and B uniforms was eliminated. The **All-Weather Coat** functions as a raincoat and a topcoat. The **Maternity Cardigan Sweater** is an optional item worn with maternity service uniforms. The **Woman's Service Uniform** was redesigned, improving fit, comfort, alterability, and appearance. The **Women's Dress Mess Uniform** is an optional dress uniform for formal, social events. The **Men's Green Class A Service Uniform** consists of a coat, trouser, shirt, necktie, belt, and buckle. The **Class B Service Uniform** omits the coat and tie if the short sleeve shirt is worn.

In March 2003, the Chief of Staff, Army (CSA) approved an optional purchase overcoat for wear by Soldiers who want more warmth and a dressier appearance than that provided by the **All-Weather Coat**. Anodized gold-plated accoutrements that do not require polishing are optional purchase items. The beret is a one-piece, unlined wool shell with leather headband, draw cord, and lined badge-stay for attachment of insignia. The standard beret is black; airborne Soldiers wear maroon berets, Special Forces wear green, and Rangers wear tan berets. All-weather coats are double-breasted with a six-button front; set-in sleeves; pointed, button-down shoulder and sleeve straps; a front gun patch flap; two vertical welt pockets with pass-through slits; belt; center back pleat vent and half cape back; in black poly/cotton blend. The maternity sweater is a V-neck cardigan, longer in front than in back with elbow and shoulder patches, epaulets with hook-and-loop attachments, and a six-button front. **Poromeric Oxfords** are plain-toed with removable cushioned insoles, skid resistant soles, and breathable comfort lining. The **Women's Class A Uniform** consists of slacks, skirt, coat, shirt, neck tab, belt, and buckle.

The **Class B Service Uniform** omits the coat or coat and neck tab, depending upon the shirt worn. The **Women's Dress Mess Uniform** has a waist-length jacket with ornamented sleeve, long or short skirt, and formal white blouse with ruffled front and dome-shaped buttons.

The **Cardigan Sweater, White (Optional)**, is a V-neck cardigan design with a rib knit trim around the front opening and neckline and rib knit cuffs, two lower front pockets, and a six button front.